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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON PLENARY, JUNE 8, 1978 (SALT TWO-1775)

REFS : A. SALT TWO-1777 B. SALT TWO-1776

1. AT JUNE 8 PLENARY, SEMENOV'S STATEMENT (REF A) RE-AFFIRMED SOVIET VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO PARAS (D) AND (E) OF ARTICLE IX (ICCMS AND MULTIPLE WARHEADED CRUISE MIS-SILES). RE ICCM ISSUE, SEMENOV ARGUED THAT QUOTE IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE PERMITTED MAXIMUM CRUISE MISSILE RANGE AS COMPARED TO THE UPPER LIMIT OF 2500 KM BEING ESTABLISHED FOR THREE YEARS. THIS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, AS AGREED BETWEEN THE SIDES, WILL BE AIMED AT REACHING AGREEMENT ON FURTHER MEASURES TO LIMIT AND REDUCE STRATEGIC ARMS. UNQUOTE.

2. MY STATEMENT (REF B) REAFFIRMED US POSITION RE ARTICLE XVI (ADVANCE NOTIFICATION) AND STATED THAT US IS WILLING

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TO MODIFY TIME CRITERION FOR DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN SINGLE AND MULTIPLE ICBM LAUNCHES PROVIDED SOVIET SIDE IS WILLING TO MODIFY ITS POSITION ON ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF SINGLE LAUNCHES FROM ICBM LAUNCHER DEPLOYMENT AREAS, AS WELL AS ITS POSITION REGARDING THE ORIGIN OF MULTIPLE LAUNCHES.

3. AT POST-PLENARY SEMENOV EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SPECIFICS OF WHAT US HAD IN MIND RE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION ISSUE. HE REAFFIRMED SOVIET CRITICISM OF ICCM PROVISION AND SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY U.S. WAS SO SLOW TO RESPOND ON PROPOSAL TO BAN MULTIPLE WARHEAD CRUISE MISSILES. HE ADDED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO QUESTION OF EXTENDING TERM OF PROTOCOL, AS HAD BEEN DONE FOR INTERIM AGREEMENT, SINCE IN THIS CASE THERE WOULD BE NO VACUUM TO FILL-- TREATY WOULD LAST THROUGH 1985, SO BOTH SIDES WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO RESOLVE PROTOCOL ISSUES PRIOR TO ITS EXPIRATION. HE ALSO SAID THAT STARODUBOV IS IN MOSCOW AND THAT KARPOV PLANNED TO RETURN TO GENEVA JUNE 10.

4. NEXT PLENARY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 1978. EARLE

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